

## Obituaries

### Chao-ying Fang (1908–1985)

Chao-ying Fang, scholar, historian, bibliophile, and long an Adjunct Professor of Columbia University, acquired his love of books and interest in history at Yenching University, where he was much inspired by the late Professor William Hung.

In 1933 Chao-ying left China for the Library School of Columbia University. In New York he married fellow graduate of Yenching University, Tu Lien-che. They worked together at Harvard for a time, and in 1934 they worked at the Library of Congress with Arthur Hummel on a compilation that was ultimately published as *Eminent Chinese of the Ch'ing Period* (Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1943). After serving on the China desk of the War Department during World War II, Chao-ying participated with Lien-che in the Chinese History Project that was conducted for several years at Columbia under the directorship of Karl A. Wittfogel. Subsequently, Chao-ying was employed at the University of California, Berkeley, and at the Australian National University, Canberra.

The Fangs returned to Columbia in the mid-1960s to participate in a new project on Ming biographical history, sponsored by the Association for Asian Studies. When the *Dictionary of Ming Biography, 1364–1644* (ed. L. Carrington Goodrich and Chao-ying Fang [Columbia University Press]) was published in 1976, Chao-ying's part in the work was acknowledged by his being identified as co-editor. It is not too much to say that his name thereby became immortalized in the annals of Western sinology as the co-compiler of the two most monumental works of sinological scholarship that have been produced in this country. One of his subsequent projects, a volume of translations of selected biographies from the noted collection *Ming-ju hsüeh-an* [Case Studies of Ming Confucians], jointly edited with Julia Ching, will be published by the University of Hawaii Press this year.

In the spring of 1985, Chao-ying returned to China to lecture at Peking University, on the site of his alma mater Yenching University. While there, he suffered a sudden heart attack and succumbed a day later. We have lost a fine scholar, a delightful colleague, and a warm friend. He greatly enriched our lives.

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### David M. Farquhar (1927–1985)

David M. Farquhar died in Los Angeles on August 9, 1985, after a lengthy battle with emphysema. At the time of his death he had been professor of premodern Chinese history at the University of California, Los Angeles, for twenty-one years. He had first become interested in East Asia during his teens, when he tried to teach himself Japanese from a Rose-Innes character dictionary. He pursued his passion more seriously in the 1950s, when he studied with Li Fang-Kuei, Nicholas N. Poppe, and